

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend lines 26 – 37 beginning on page 6, as follows:

--Composite materials ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ according to the present invention are produced in the extruder process where the crosslinked melamine resin ethers and the partially crosslinked thermoplastics can be present in foamed form in the composite materials, and the composite materials may comprise from 3 to 10% by weight of flame retardant, from 0.1 to 2% by weight of pigments, from 0.1 to 5% by weight of stabilizers, and/or from 0.1 to 5% by weight of auxiliaries, in each case based on the entirety of wood and plastics, and in this process, in the --